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RAILWAYS
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CATERING CHARGES IN TICKET FARE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the trains in which catering charges are included in the ticket fare and the percentage of catering charges in the fare ;

(b) the modus operandi followed for selection of items of the menu ; and

(c) the annual percentage increase in the fare and the food charges respectively during the last three years ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) : Catering charges are included in the ticket fare of all Rajdhani/Shatabdi Trains as per the following unit catering charges notified for actual services rendered between each pair of station for both up and down direction separately :-

Service	AC2/3T/CC(Rs)	Ist / Exec. Class (Rs.)
Morning tea / Welcome drink / Light refreshment	13.75	The apportionment charges for AC First and Executive classwill be 1 Â½ times that of revised charges forAC2/3T/CC Classes.
Breakfast	41.25	
Lunch	82.50	
Hi-tea/ Evening tea	41.25	
Dinner	82.50	

The above unit catering charges were notified last in the year 1999 which was calculated considering the cost of raw material of each menu, escalation in prices, fuel and direct and indirect staff cost. The menu of Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains was suggested by a Committee comprising of officers of Senior Administrative Grade level from Zonal Railways which was approved by Board after concurrence of Railway Board Finance.

(c) Since there is no increase in the unit price of each services mentioned, there is no annual percentage increase in the fare/food charges for the past three years.